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Raised Bill No. 5013

LCO No. 518



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY ELIGIBLE COLLEGE
STUDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-105f of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsections (e) to (g), inclusive, as follows (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

3 (NEW) (e) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the
4 Department of Social Services and the Board of Regents for Higher
5 Education shall jointly identify any educational program offered at a
6 regional community-technical college that would meet the requirements
7 of a supplemental nutrition assistance employment and training
8 program administered by the department pursuant to subsection (a) of
9 this section. In identifying such educational programs, the department
10 and the board shall seek to maximize the number and types of
11 supplemental nutrition assistance employment and training programs
12 offered at the regional community-technical colleges.

13 (f) The Department of Social Services shall qualify any educational

14 program identified pursuant to subsection (e) of this section as a
 15 supplemental nutrition assistance employment and training program
 16 and shall seek any federal approval necessary to make such
 17 qualification.

18 (g) Not later than July 1, 2021, the Department of Social Services shall
 19 post and regularly update on its Internet web site, and the Board of
 20 Regents for Higher Education shall post and regularly update on the
 21 Internet web site of each regional community-technical college, the list
 22 of educational programs offered at each regional community-technical
 23 college that has been qualified as a supplemental nutrition assistance
 24 employment and training program pursuant to subsections (e) and (f)
 25 of this section.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) For the purpose of determining
 27 eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program pursuant
 28 to the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, the Department of Social
 29 Services shall consider any student enrolled in an institution of higher
 30 education in the state to be participating in a state or federally financed
 31 work-study program if such student receives approval of work-study as
 32 part of a financial aid package to attend such institution of higher
 33 education, regardless of whether such student has received his or her
 34 work-study program assignment.

35 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) Each public institution of higher
 36 education shall notify any student identified by the financial aid office
 37 of such public institution of higher education as potentially eligible for
 38 the supplemental nutrition assistance program pursuant to the federal
 39 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, regarding (1) the qualification
 40 requirements for such program, (2) the application procedure for such
 41 program, and (3) where to obtain assistance in completing an
 42 application for such program.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2020 | 17b-105f |
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| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2020</i> | New section |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2020</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To increase access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by eligible students at institutions of higher education.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]